

REMARKS

Following the Examiner's Amendment of August 4, 2010, claims 12 - 22, 24 - 26 and 30 - 36 are currently pending and allowed in the application. In reviewing the pending and allowed claims after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant observed that withdrawn method claims 27 - 29, which depended from respective allowed claims, had been canceled by the Examiner's Amendment. Applicant contacted the Examiner to explain that Applicant is entitled to have method claims rejoined if such claims depend from allowed claims pursuant to MPEP 821.04. The Examiner acknowledged that rejoinder is proper, and requested Applicant file a Rule 1.312 Amendment.

Applicant is herein presenting new method claims 37 - 39 (correlating to canceled claims 27 - 29), which depend from respective allowed claims and submit that rejoinder is proper pursuant to MPEP 821.04. Applicant submits that the instant amendment is therefore proper for entry under 37 CFR 1.312 because it is directed to matters that do not affect the scope of the invention of allowed claims 12 - 22, 24 - 26 and 30 - 36. Applicant also submits that no new matter has been added by the present amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered prior to issuance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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